

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled)

7. (New) An audio accessory comprising:

a neck strap having an attachment device for attaching an audio source to the neck strap, whereby the audio source may be carried in the neck strap during normal use;

at least one earplug to be connected to the audio source through a set of wires to be connected to said audio source; and

means for temporary attaching a free end of the earplug wires to the neck strap to permit the earplug wires to be moveable to enable the at least one earplug to be positioned in an ear of a person wearing the neck strap while the earplug wires are attached to the neck strap.

8. (New) An audio accessory according to claim 7, comprising:

means, connected to the neck strap, for catching the free end of the wires carrying the least one earplug when removed from the ear.

9. (New) An audio accessory according to claim 8, wherein said means for catching includes at least one permanent magnet mounted on the neck strap.

10. (New) An audio accessory according to claim 9, wherein the at least one magnet mounted on the neck strap is mounted at a distance from the means corresponding to a free end of the wires from the means for temporary attaching.

11. (New) An audio accessory according to claim 7, wherein the neck strap comprises means for temporarily attaching each of two earplug wires to the neck strap, and means connected to the neck strap for catching each free end of the wires carrying respective earplugs.

12. (New) An audio accessory according to claim 8, wherein the neck strap comprises means for temporarily attaching each of two earplug wires to the neck strap, and means connected to the neck strap for catching each free end of the wires carrying respective earplugs.

13. (New) An audio accessory according to claim 9, wherein the neck strap comprises means for temporarily attaching each of two earplug wires to the neck strap, and means connected to the neck strap for catching each free end of the wires carrying respective earplugs.

14. (New) An audio accessory according to claim 10, wherein the neck strap comprises means for temporarily attaching each of two earplug wires to the neck strap, and means connected to the neck strap for catching each free end of the wires carrying respective earplugs.